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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LIBYAN PM JALLUD

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JALLUD DELEGATION DEPARTED BUJUMBURA EVENING OF MARCH 21 WITHOUT FANFARE OR EVEN ASSEMBLAGE OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT AIRPORT. NO COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED, AND WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE ANY, SINCE GENERAL SCUTTLEBUTT IS THAT VISIT PRODUCED NOTHING. REPORTEDLY, 30 HOUR STOPOVER HERE WAS LAST MINUTE BURUNDI SUGGESTION WHILE JALLUD WAS EITHER IN KINSHASA OR KIGALI, AND NO PREPARATORY HOMEWORK HAD BEEN DONE ON EITHER SIDE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW CONTENTS OF PRIVATE JALLUD-MICOMBERO CONVERSATIONS, BUT AT PUBLIC CEREMONIES ON MARCH 20 AND 21, THEY WERE BOTH QUITE ALOOF FROM EACH OTHER, WITH JALLUD'S APPEARANCE ONE OF RESTLESS BOREDOM.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT BURUNDI OFFICIALS ARE BOTH DISAPPOINTED
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AND ANGRY THAT NO LIBYAN LARGESSE WAS FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER,

LIBYANS UNDOUBTEDLY FEEL THAT THEIR BILATERAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL COMMITMENTS TO BURUNDI WERE FULLY DEFINED DURING LATE JANUARY VISIT OF DELEGATION HEADED BY LIBYAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AT WHICH TIME BUJUMBURA ALSO RECEIVED ONE MILLION DOLLARS AS STRAIGHT GIFT. THUS, JALLUD PROBABLY SAW STOPOVER MERELY AS RECIPROCAL COURTESY FOR 1973 MICOMBERO VISIT TO TRIPOLI.

WE DOUBT THAT QUESTION OF PLO PRESENCE IN BUJUMBURA COULD HAVE BEEN ANY ISSUE IN DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT BURUNDI HAS FOR AT LEAST LAST HALF YEAR BEEN WILLING TO HAVE SUCH PLO REPRESENTATION HERE, AND, INDEED, AT NOVEMBER 28 NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES, MICOMBERO ADDRESSED VISITING PLO REPS (FROM BEIRUT AND KAMPALA) IN RATHER EFFUSIVE TERMS. FACT THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ANY PLO MOVE TO ESTABLISH ITSELF IN BURUNDI INDICATES LOW PRIORITY WHICH PLO ASSIGNS TO ITS TRULY INSIGNIFICANT INTERESTS IN THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION.
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